



Our Lady of Sorrows

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MASSSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

Message from Fr. Brian

The image we see below and the one seen on the bulletin cover shows the angel of the Lord appearing in a dream to St. Joseph, letting him know that he is to become the foster father of Jesus and that he is to take the Virgin Mary into his home. Joseph, even though he had many questions about the situation regarding Mary's pregnancy, did as the angel invited him to do, thereby showing why St. Matthew in this Sunday's Gospel passage refers to Joseph as a "righteous man."

It's interesting that in this Gospel passage we hear the word "behold" twice. Joseph was being invited to "behold" the miracle that God was doing through both him and Mary, that is, the conception and eventual birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world, Emmanuel, God with us.

The word "behold" is a word we do not use much anymore. It's almost completely missing from most modern English translations of the Bible. But in the King James Version of the Bible, it is used more than 1,000 times.

In Hebrew, "behold" means to perceive through sight or apprehension; to gaze upon; to observe. For example, it's a pleasure to behold a beautiful work of art.

In Greek, "behold" means to know; to see; to be sure to see. For example, "Behold, don't miss this! Behold, be sure to see this!"

During this final week before Christmas, we'll be "beholding" many things: Christmas concerts (be sure to come and behold ours today at 4:00 pm!), Christmas decorations, the faces of children as they get ready for Christmas, the presents and cards we receive, and the countless other sights and sounds that surround us at this time of the year.

As we get immersed in all of the extraneous "stuff" of Christmas, let's take time to behold the most important reason for this season, that is, the birth of Jesus Christ. Don't let these days pass by without beholding the immense love that God has shown us by entering into our messy lives in order to bring us His peace, joy, love, and salvation.

And during these last days of Advent, let's remember that this is also a time of waiting. So, let's wait, and pray – and behold.

Let's behold our own yearning for the Prince of Peace to come into our world.

Let's behold a woman – Mary – who gave herself completely to God, and gave to us an example of obedience and faith.

Let's behold a man – Joseph – who left behind his questions and fears and completely gave himself over to God's plan of salvation.

Let's behold God's love for us, a love that manifested itself in such a beautiful way 2,000 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem.

Christmas Blessings,

Fr. Brian





Christmas at Our Lady of Sorrows

Carol Sing and Living Nativity

Sunday, December 18 – 4:00PM

Christmas Eve

4:30PM Family Mass with Saint Cecilia Singers and Youth Choir

7:00PM Mass with Cantor

9:30PM Concert with Parish Choir and Gramercy Brass Quintet

10:00PM Mass

Christmas Day

8:00AM Mass with Cantor

10:00AM Mass with Cantor

11:30AM Mass with Parish Choir

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

This will be reported in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which at this time we're offering in particular for peace in Ukraine. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

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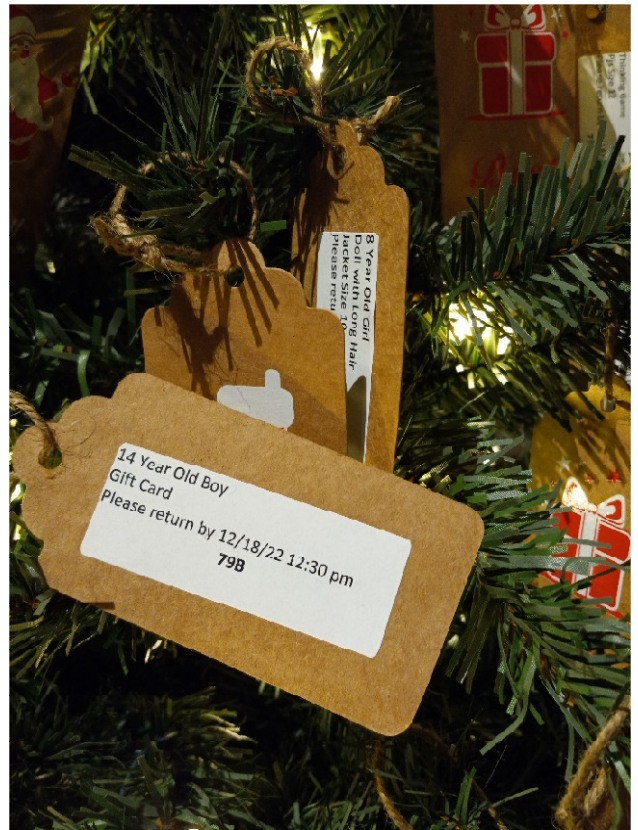
Stewardship Reflections

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all that took the tags from our Giving Trees. You are bringing holiday joy to underprivileged families in our area. Please be as generous as possible!



Please be sure to deliver wrapped gifts, with tags securely taped, to the church vestibule any time up until

Sunday, December 18 (today)

no later than 12:30 pm

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REGIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

This year Our Lady of Sorrows will again be participating in the **Regifting Project**. Few of us "need" all of the gifts we receive at Christmas, and sometimes we receive gifts we do not want or can't use. Instead of rushing back to the store right after Christmas to return the gifts, or letting them gather dust on a shelf, why not share our Christmas joy by giving these gifts to others? This is an opportunity to give to those in need at a time when many are struggling, and it is a great lesson for adults and children alike to look at all of the gifts they have received and offer one to someone who may have none at all.

Your donated gifts may be brought to church on the following dates: the weekends of **December 31/January 1** and **January 7/8**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items. They will be delivered to Mercy House, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136.

Electronic Parish Giving

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site (www.olschurch.com). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.**



VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

5:30 PM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

8:00 AM John Kirk
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Rosetta Guiliano – 11th Anniversary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski and Deceased
Members of the Wojtkowski Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
12:00 PM Maria Ann Maddi

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins - 3rd Anniversary
12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

7:00 AM Elizabeth and Lyndon Bryce
12:00 PM Elizabeth Degnan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

7:00 AM Betty Ann and Ed Duthie
12:00 PM Roberta Nash

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

9:00 AM Mary Julia Guare

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

4:30 PM People of the Parish
7:00 PM People of the Parish
10:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

Christmas Day

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM People of the Parish

IN MEMORIAM

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

This week's Sanctuary Candle in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Manuel Fernandes**. Requested by Joy Fernandes and Family

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Cathy Craig, Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Jennie Magliaro, Annalise Magilaro and Grace McGrath.





Our Lady of Sorrows Carol Sing 2022

**Sunday, December 18, 2022
4:00 PM**

All are invited to place themselves in a spirit of preparation
for our Lord's birth with the annual Carol Sing.
Members of our parish choirs will offer traditional carols
and choral music with instruments.

**Preston Dibble Director of Music
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